

Germany Woos Youth of U. S.

Training Provided by Bund in Plotting, Spying, Sabotage and Subversion

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Hitler's undeclared war against America includes the attempted wholesale corruption of U. S. youth.

Plans worked out over a period of years called for the selection of key Hitler leaders from U. S. youth in various cities, and transporting them to Germany to be drilled in subversion.

The fantastic extent of the Hitler plans for conquest of the U. S. A. first became known to U. S. authorities through information furnished by Helen Vooros to the Dies Committee and to the FBI.

Miss Vooros, now in hiding, was Brooklyn leader of the girls' section of the German American Bund. Her testimony before the Dies Committee relating to the loose morals of Bund leaders with young girls in their camps played a large part in discrediting the Bund.

Because of the gravity of Miss Vooros' disclosures about Hitler's underground plotting in the U. S. A. they were not made public. The FBI has now permitted partial publication.

Sent to Germany

After Miss Vooros and other young folk in the Bund had been thoroughly coached here in plotting, spying on ammunition dumps, and so on, she and several other leaders were sent to Germany for advanced training.

They were made much of by Hitler, Goering, Goebbels and others, then sent to Storkow, near Berlin, for a course of intensive training in the Foreign Organization building. Their chief teachers were Professors Frohman and Axemann. (This was before the outbreak of war).

Axemann predicted international developments, including the Hitler-Stalin pact and told his pupils that when there were enough well-drilled Germans in the U. S. A. to suit his plans, Hitler would declare for anschluss between Germans here and elsewhere.

He showed them a large map of the U. S. A., with lines running from Berlin offices to secret offices in many U. S. cities.

In each U. S. city with Germanic population there were headquarters, he said, where work would be correlated and where German-American Nazis would be helped to buy land, stores, businesses and homes and to prepare for anschluss.

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Special Flag

Each pupil was urged to spread the doctrine among German-Americans here.

He told them then about the special flag Hitler had designed for the U. S. A., to replace the Star Spangled Banner—a Nazi swastika atop the rays of a rising sun. Thousands of these flags are now carried by Nazi paraders in U. S. cities.

He also instructed them to file secret reports for the Fatherland.

Axemmann told the young American disciples of Hitler that "Pelley's gang" would work with them, and that "if it comes to a showdown, the Nazis in Berlin favor Father Coughlin," Miss Vooros told authorities.

"The only thing wrong with him is that he is still a priest."

"The Nazis have taken the finer ideals of Communism and eventually the two will get together," he said.

It will be easy for the Germans to "take over the United States" Axemann continued, if a large enough number of German-Americans were organized.

Frohman gave detailed instructions on secret organizing, told how all Nazi equipment, insignia and correspondence was to be secreted between meetings, how records should be moved from house to house to prevent detection by the FBI.

U. S. Nazis with college educations were sent to Stuttgart for a special eight-month course at the Propaganda Center, she said.

Miss Vooros said the students were told: "American principles don't count much because American principles can't last."

(Testimony giving specific information relating to names, places and organizations is withheld by authorities investigating Nazi subversion).

Miss Vooros, disgusted, withdrew from the Nazi organization after her return to the U. S. A. She was threatened by the Gestapo.

Hundreds of German secret police under Heinrich Himmler, notorious head of the Gestapo, are now circulating through the country, enforcing Nazi discipline among German-Americans, preparing for revolt and sabotage on a broad scale.

Who they are and what they are up to will be the subject of later disclosures.

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